

to serve in the United States House of Representatives. As the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Hellenic Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, I can say with certainty that this outstanding ambassador will be sorely missed. Ambassador Mallias, we wish you "Ke Sta Annoterar," or great success, in all your future endeavors!

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ambassador Alexandros P. Mallias, a great statesman and diplomat whose life's work has contributed immeasurably to cross-cultural understanding and international cooperation.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS AND SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania for their continued efforts in the battle against hunger.

On May 9th, letter carriers and postal customers across the country joined forces to "stamp out hunger" in the nation's largest single-day food drive for the 17th consecutive year. This also marked the 16th year that Second Harvest of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast PA took part in this extremely important event. Last year this food drive collected over 143,000 pounds of food to help struggling families in Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne, Monroe and Carbon counties. The local effort helped the National Association of Letter Carriers set a new record of 73.1 million pounds of food collected in 2008 in the "Stamp it out" drive.

Food banks like Second Harvest of the Lehigh Valley are even more important during economic downturns like the one we are currently facing. Second Harvest of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania has seen the demand for assistance rise dramatically in the past year and has been able to help 64,000 people so far in 2009, up from 50,000 in 2008. Thankfully, the generosity and compassion of their neighbors in the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania bring us closer to achieving the goal of eradicating hunger in our communities. Once again, I would like to thank these organizations for their continued efforts.

ALEXANDER HILLMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexander

Hillman who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Alexander Hillman is a senior at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Alexander Hillman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Alexander Hillman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF BILL KYSOR'S 40 YEARS OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Kysor's 40 years of teaching at St. Mark's School of Texas. I am proud to represent St. Mark's in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas.

For forty years, Mr. Kysor has inspired young men and fostered their artistic capabilities and appreciation. During his tenure, Mr. Kysor has taught Middle School art and Upper School Art Elements, Painting, and Sculpture, but he is best known for his Ceramics class.

In addition to his work in the studio, Mr. Kysor has introduced scores of boys to the wonders of the outdoors during Middle School campouts and the annual Pecos Wilderness Trip. Playing his beloved drums, he co-sponsors the Blues Club. Mr. Kysor also has the distinction of being the only "Honorary Member of the Science Department," an honor awarded to him as thanks for creating the ceramic Periodic Table of the Elements that graces the Cecil and Ida Green Science Building.

In 2006, Mr. Kysor escorted his student, Jason Sanford as he received a Presidential Scholar in the Arts award for his command of the art of ceramics.

Mr. Kysor was appointed to the St. Mark's faculty on August 28, 1969, after receiving his M.A. from Southern Methodist University. He is an icon at St. Mark's, and I admire him for continuing to teach even after reaching his forty-year milestone. I wish Mr. Kysor all the best.

FRIENDS OF THE ARAVA INSTITUTE HONORING HERSHEL J. RICHMAN

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend a constituent, Hershel J. Richman, who is being honored on June 7, 2009 with the "Peace Building and Environ-

mental Stewardship Award" of the Friends of the Arava Institute.

The Friends of the Arava Institute is a Pennsylvania-based non-profit organization that supports the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in the south of Israel. This institute, which has the particularly timely philosophy that "Nature Has No Borders," brings together students from Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and beyond to study common environmental concerns and to forge mutual understanding among tomorrow's leaders in that conflicted region.

Given the special and forward-thinking mission of the Arava Institute, it is no wonder that a special and forward-thinking man such as Mr. Richman became involved with it. For decades now, Mr. Richman has been one of Pennsylvania's foremost leaders on environmental issues. A graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and the Villanova University School of Law, Mr. Richman has devoted countless hours to environmental issues, in government, in private practice, in academia, and as a volunteer.

Mr. Richman and his wife Dr. Elizabeth Richman have been involved with the Arava Institute since they participated in a five-day, 300-mile bike ride through Israel sponsored by Arava in 2007.

Madam Speaker, I have no doubt that Mr. Richman deserves this and many other honors in recognition of his commitment both to the environment and to the cause of Middle East peace. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Richman on this honor.

HONORING KEVIN DUNCAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work of Kevin Duncan, a devoted member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Administration (BAC). On May 3, 2009 Mr. Duncan was recognized by the Middlesex County AFL-CIO as this year's Labor Person of the Year. This recognition is bestowed upon a committed labor leader who has worked tirelessly on behalf of his fellow laborers.

The BAC is an organization dedicated to providing fair wages, good benefits, and safe working conditions. Mr. Duncan joined the former BAC Local #8 in 1980. As the International Union merged local unions to create three larger statewide organizations in New Jersey, Mr. Duncan continued to take on a more prominent role in the new Local #5. Mr. Duncan has been a valuable and faithful member of the BAC for over 29 years.

As a Field Representative for BAC Local #5 in 2001, Mr. Duncan held an active position in the labor movement. Three years later he undertook the position of Secretary on the Middlesex County Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, where he now currently works. In the past, he has also served as vice-presidents and recording secretary to the Middlesex County AFL-CIO Labor Council. Today, he is one of their most committed members and serves as the council's treasurer.

Along with his dedicated work at the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied